

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1 and 15 by rewriting the same to the following:

C1 Sub D2

--1. (Amended)

Apparatus for reproducing digital video signals

from a magnetic tape, wherein a frame of digital video signals had been reported in $2m$ tracks (m is an integer greater than 1) when said magnetic tape was transported at a first speed, comprising:

a pair of rotary heads having respectively different azimuth angles for scanning traces across said magnetic tape, said traces substantially coinciding with said tracks when said magnetic tape is transported at said first speed; and

a tape transporter for transporting said magnetic tape at a second speed equal to $(m \times n \pm 1)$ times said first speed, where n is an integer other than zero, and 1 has a predetermined value depending upon the arrangement of the heads relative to each other.

C2 Sub D3

15. (Amended)

Apparatus for reproducing digital video signals from a

magnetic tape, wherein a frame of digital video signals had been recorded in $2m$ tracks (m is an integer greater than 1) when said magnetic tape was transported at a recording speed, each frame having been divided into blocks of picture elements, said apparatus exhibiting a data read-out and comprising:

a pair of rotary magnetic heads having respectively different azimuth angles; and

a tape transporter for transporting said magnetic tape at a fast playback speed equal to $(m \times n \pm 1)$ times said recording speed, where n is an integer other than zero, and 1 is a value depending upon a data read-out rate representative of the percentage of data effectively read out by the magnetic heads compared to the actual amount of data within a respective portion of the magnetic tape.--